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CAN YOU HELP?

One of our compatriots is seeking a home in a family, anywhere in New Zealand. The gentleman's name is Mr Wyrsh and he is 79 years of age. He came to New Zealand sixty years ago, but never married and consequently has no family. During his stay in New Zealand he has kept up his Swiss-German and French, and so can still speak both fluently.

He was a gardener and is an active handyman, and so would like to be able to work for his board. Mr Wyrsh is independent and does not need to be looked after, but he does need a little companionship and a little warmth that the family environment could offer.

Mr Wyrsh neither smokes or drinks and is a God-fearing gentleman of the Catholic religion. He lives at present at 165 Jervois Road, Herne Bay, Auckland (no telephone).

If you have a place to offer please contact Arthur W. Muller, at 48 Carr Road, Mt. Roskill, Auckland 4, phone 659 981 (bus.).

NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND

THE TELEPHONE IN SWITZERLAND AND THE WORLD

At the beginning of 1971, there were 273 million telephones in operation throughout the world, i.e. nearly twice as many as in 1961. With a figure somewhat higher than 3 million phones, Switzerland has almost as many telephones as Africa (3.2 million), more than Central America (2.8 million) and half as many as the total number installed in the whole of South America (6.1 million).

As for the number of telephones per 100 inhabitants, Switzerland, with 48.3, comes third in the world after the United States (58.3) and Sweden (55.7). This figure increased still further in Switzerland in 1971, since at the beginning of 1972 it amounted to 51 per 100 inhabitants. The corresponding figures for neighbouring countries did not amount to half Switzerland's; they were 22.4 for Germany, 19.3 for Austria, 17.4 for Italy and 17.2 for France. The five big European towns where the density of telephones is the highest are Stockholm (91.9 telephones per 100 inhabitants), Zurich (78.6), Geneva (69.9), Göteborg (68.7) and Basle (68.5), i.e. two Swedish towns and three Swiss.

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